(b) to (d) With a view to supplement the efforts of State Governments, Government of India has launched programmes from time to time for increasing production and productivity of food crops in Eastern States including the Chhattisgarh region of Madhya Pradesh. A new Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "On-Farm Water Management for increasing Crop Production in Eastern India" is being contemplated for operation during the remaining period of 9th Five Year Plan. The scheme has not yet been approved.

Implementation of Crop Insurance Scheme

†11. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the date by which crop insurance scheme is targeted to be made available to all farmers of the country;

(b) the State-wise details of farmers benefited by this scheme of Government so far; and

(c) the details of meeting held between various State Governments and the farmers to implement the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO):
(a) National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) has already been implemented with effect from Rabi 1999-2000 season.

(b) A Statement comprising State-wise details regarding coverage of farmers under NAIS is enclosed. *{See* below).

(c) About 142 State/District level Workshop/Awareness programmes were conducted in the implementing States/UTs for the benefit of farmers, State Governments and Bank employees.

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Statement

SI.No.	State/UT	Number of Farmers covered (as on 31.1.2000)
1.	Assam	507
2.	Goa	Not Available
3.	Gujarat	6705
4.	Himachal Pradesh	36
5.	Kerala	3368
6.	Madhya Pradesh	18518
7.	Maharashtra	460
8.	Orissa	50661
9.	Pondicherry	Not Available
10.	Tamil Nadu	Not Available

Requirements of Foodgrains

†12. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total annual requirement of foodgrains in the country; what is the annual production of foodgrains particularly during the years 1998-99 and 1997-98;

(b) the effective steps being taken by the Government of India to increase the foodgrain production in the country;

(c) whether India has to import foodgrains due to their shortage; and

(d) if so, the foodgrains imported during the year 1998-99?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) According to the Ninth Five Year Plan document, the projected

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